

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Less than a week remains to register for disaster assistance for losses suffered during the April 16<sup>th</sup> tornado.

Eligible homeowners, renters and businesses must register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

That is also the deadline to submit disaster loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to homeowners and renters as well as to businesses and private nonprofit organizations of all sizes.

Registering with FEMA can be done online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 800-621-3362. Deaf and hard of hearing callers can use TTY at 800-462-7585. Individuals who have already registered can call the same number for the Helpline if they have questions or additional information to provide.

Before calling or registering online, resident should have in hand:

- Address of the affected property
- Brief description of the damages
- Current address where they receive mail
- Social Security number
- Insurance information including policy numbers
- Phone number

FEMA's housing assistance and Other Needs Assistance grants for medical, dental, and funeral expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA to be considered for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses. Applicants who do not qualify for an SBA loan may be eligible to receive Other Needs Assistance grants for these items.

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